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as large as Reuf. Smiths wife. And
I guess Mr. Haynes looks a little like
Jim Hall and is a little like him
only he knows more. And I know
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And now I am going to close
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if you don't have anything to write
Yours own as ever

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